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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
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 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 28,588  
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January 14, 2005

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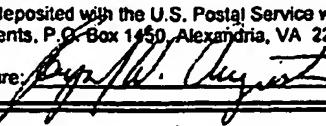
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